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Title: Need to include Sambalpuri/Koshali language in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India.

SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA (SAMBALPUR): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Sambalpuri language in Orissa is spoken by more than one crore people in 10 districts in the western part of Orissa. A separate dictionary is there in this language and many epics like the Ramayana and Mahabharata have been written in this language. Many beautiful songs have been composed and the Sambalpuri song is very famous even outside Orissa also. Many novels have also been written and films have also been made in this language. There has been a consistent demand that this language should be included in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India. This is a very old demand and a movement was there in the past for this demand. Now also there is a movement amongst the people demanding that this language should be included in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India. The Government of India has recognized this language because a vast majority of people in the State of Orissa speak in this language. Therefore, I urge upon the Central Government to consider this demand, which is a very old demand, and include this language in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India.

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY (PURI): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to associate myself with the matter raised by Dr. Prasanna Acharya.